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Adult schools.

* 2709 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state why the Government are not at present running any adult schools in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Even previously, the Government were not running adult schools themselves. While all adult schools were admitted to Government aid previously, now grants are confined to the adult schools in areas covered by the Community Projects and the National Extension Service.

Improvement of cattle wealth

* 2710 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent for improvement of cattle wealth in the State in the year 1954–55;

(*b*) the establishment charges incurred by the Government during that year; and

(*c*) the terms of appointment of the Milk Commissioner for improving cattle wealth?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The portion of the expenditure incurred by the Animal Husbandry Department on improvement of cattle is estimated at about Rs. 28 lakhs.

(*b*) The establishment charges come to Rs. 8,28,848.

(*c*) The Government have not appointed a Milk Commissioner. They have sanctioned the creation of the post of a Special Officer for Milk in the grade of a District Veterinary Officer to correlate the work relating to the formation of Milk Colonies and to tackle the milk supply question in the Madras City.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Would Government consider expenditure upon cattle welfare by also making a grant to Gosadans in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have also been giving in a way such help.

Medical supply to Local Board Medical Institutions

* 2711 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Malabar District Board and some other Local Board Institutions requested the Government to allow them to purchase their medical supplies from sources other than the Medical Stores Depot, Madras; and

(*b*) if so, whether the request was granted?